

## Whitewash Charged by Gallagher

Rep. Cornelius E. Gallagher (D-N.J.) stormed out of a House hearing room yesterday protesting that an investigation of widespread use of lie detectors by Government agencies was a "whitewash."

Gallagher said he had a number of questions he wanted to ask a panel of experts called by the House Operations and Government Information Subcommittee to testify on the reliability of the devices.

Subcommittee Chairman John E. Moss (D-Calif.), who cut Gallagher off, described the walkout as "a case of personal bias." He said he could not let Gallagher interrogate the witness because Gallagher is not a member of the Subcommittee. Gallagher contended that it is the custom for House Committee's to extend to all Congressmen the courtesy of permitting them to ask questions.

He told reporters that he had sparked the inquiry because of his concern that lie detectors as they are used by the Federal Government are an invasion of individual privacy and human dignity.

He cited the case of a 17-year-old girl from his congressional district who was given the detector test when she applied for a job as a clerk-typist. He said she was asked searching questions about her personal life and was asked whether she was a homosexual.

Gallagher said the devices are being used "to determine not only veracity but to probe the thought processes of an individual."

Moss said the hearings will go on for some time and will be thorough. The final report

he added, will show that the investigation is no "whitewash."

Fred E. Inbau, professor of law at Northwestern University and formerly head of the University's Crime Detection Laboratory, testified to the need for setting up standards for polygraph operators. He said an operator should be

college trained, competent, mature and have a sense of values.

About 80 per cent of operators are not now qualified, he testified.

The hearings will resume

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